

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT

In Conversations with God, Neale Donald Walsch explains that the Universe is like a Xerox machine that reproduces what you already have (internally) and what you state (internally and externally).

Siddha Yoga teaches the same principle: “This physical world is ultimately a mirror of our own consciousness. All too often we try to blame the mirror, change the mirror, show the mirror the wrongness of its ways. We are at war with our own reflections.” (In Search of Self, Vol. 1, Lesson 28).

Since the Universe is a big Xerox machine, if we tell the Universe (or God), for example, “I want a nice home” we get just that – the experience of wanting a nice home.

In the Psalms the prophet says: “The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.”

This is telling us that wanting a thing pushes the experience away from us. To say “I want peace” is actually to say, “I lack peace” so the Universe copies that and says, “Yes you do” and reproduces for us our experience of a lack of peace. The Revelation says, “By peace they destroy many.” Sounds like the U.S. foreign policy.

Most desires reveal our attachments to things. We are attached to things because we have been conditioned (brain washed) to over-value those

things. The conditioning is actually a trick that causes us to associate a certain object or event with pleasure, joy or happiness.

Behavioural Psychology discusses two kinds of conditionings: classical and operant.

The Russian psychologist Pavlov discovered classical conditioning. By ringing a bell each time he fed his dog he got his dog to associate the ringing sound with food so that the dog would salivate when he heard the

bell even when there was no food. The bell had replaced food itself as a stimulus for the secretions within the dog's digestive system.

Operant conditioning involves getting animals and people to do things for the "reward" of the sound of a bell, a pat on the back or a medal given for having your legs blown off while invading a country to get free oil for a few Texas oil barons who wouldn't even let you into their elite country clubs.

The conditioning seldom has anything to do with real value or actual needs. Women are conditioned by commercials to want diamonds. But unless you intend to do industrial drilling, what good are diamonds to you anyway?

Women have been tricked into associating diamonds with money and money with love. So if the man spends lots of money on her to get a really big diamond then he must love her a whole, whole lot.

I know some prostitutes who hold the exact same values. They are manipulated by pimps while the "amateurs" are manipulated by de Beers. "Diamonds are a girl's best friend." Oh really. And a dog is a man's best friend.

P.T. Barnum said a sucker's born every minute and no one is more open for a sucker punch than the American public.

We cannot achieve spiritual maturity carrying all those attachments, wants, desires and conditionings. So Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven. He's "rich" in the piling up of attachments and conditionings.

The piling up diverts you
know.
science
Underworld
with
Day,

Until you visit the graves.
Then nay again, you soon shall
Nay, if you knew with Yaqi
You would certainly see (the
or) Hell.
Then you will assuredly see it
The Yaqi Eye.
Then you will be questioned, that
About the Bliss.

-- Quran Surah 102

All the wisdom texts speak a similar truth. I have translated 'ilm al – yaqiyn and 'ayn al-yaqiyn “Yaqi science! And “Yaqi Eye” instead of the usual “certainty of mind” and “certainty of sight.”

Those translations aren't wrong, they're simply not fully specific.

The Quran purports to be a universal book. If it is, why is it limited to a few tribes of the desert? A true universal book would tell the truths of the Russians, Chinese, Indians, Americans, Atlanteans, et al. The Quran is such a book but the ignorant translators and teachers have made it seem to be only focused on a few nomadic desert tribes.

The Yaqi Indians have a rich spiritual tradition which shows how one can transcend limited material focus and reach the underworld (Gehanna, Tuat, Jahiym, Sheol, etc.).

Carlos Castenada has written extensively of the Yaqi practices and the visions (Yaqi Eye or Vision) that initiates achieve.

To reach awareness of our true selves we have to stop wanting. When we live without want our inner wisdom faculty awakens and we are guided into true Bliss and happiness. This is what “The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want” means. When we stop wanting, our inner wisdom (Chokmah) awakens.

The universe has a funny way of working. When you don't want something it becomes available to you in abundance. But when you want something, it's very hard to get.

Jesus taught that if we seek God's Kingdom and its righteousness, we'd also get everything else.

In Christian Fitrah we don't beg and supplicate. We don't believe God requires that we debase and humiliate ourselves.

We don't beg, we command.

Our prayers are statements to God, our Higher Self, the Universe to manifest that which is already ours by spiritual birthright.

When you go to the ATM machine, you don't quiver and shake and say, "Oh please give me a little money. ATM, you know I need it so much."

No, you insert your card and fall forth the cash that's already yours.

In Fitrah, then, the world is not just a Xerox machine, it's also an ATM machine.

And if a girl knows how to use the Qaballah Tree of Life, Netzak, Venus and the Mantra "Klim," then diamonds really are a girl's best friend.